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Response filed February 17, 2009  
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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-8 are currently being considered, of which claims 1-3 and 5-8 have been amended herein. No new matter is introduced by this response.

1. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5 under 35 USC 101(a) because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claim 5 has been amended herein in a manner intended to overcome this rejection.

The “program storage medium” as set forth in claim 5, as amended, is directed to statutory subject matter.

Accordingly, in view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection of claim 5 should be withdrawn.

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection of claims 1-4.

The “content output apparatus” as set forth in claims 1-4, as amended, is directed to statutory subject matter.

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Accordingly, in view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection of claims 1-4 should be withdrawn.

2. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-8 under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by International Publication No. WO02/23910A1 (Zervas '910).

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, for the following reasons.

There are substantial, important differences between the art relied upon by the Examiner and the features set forth in the claims in issue.

**Zervas '910** fails to expressly or inherently describe the following combination of features as set forth in claim 1, as amended: "said reader changes, in response to said change, a target to be read from the buffer memory which is written with a first content that is transmitted through said predetermined channel to the buffer memory which is written with a second content that is transmitted through said other channel, and said writer renews, in response to said change, the content written in the buffer memory that is apart from the buffer memory which is written with said second content by a predetermined number in said predetermined order to the other content," in combination of the other claimed features.

**Zervas '910** fails to expressly or inherently describe the following combination of features as set forth in claim 5, as amended: "said reader changes, in response to said change, a target to be read from the buffer memory which is written with a first content that is transmitted through said predetermined channel to the buffer memory which is written with a second content that is transmitted through said other channel, and said writer renews, in response to said change, the content written in the buffer memory that is apart from the buffer memory which is written with said second content by a predetermined number in said predetermined order to the other content," in combination of the other claimed features.

**Zervas '910** fails to expressly or inherently describe the following combination of features as set forth in claim 6, as amended: "said reader changes, in response to said change, a target to be read from the buffer memory which is written with a first content that is transmitted through said predetermined channel to the buffer memory which is written with a second content that is transmitted through said other channel, and said writer renews, in response to said change, the content written in the buffer memory that is apart from the buffer memory which is written with said second content by a predetermined number in said predetermined order to the other content," in combination of the other claimed features.

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Accordingly, in view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection of claims 1, 5, and 6 should be withdrawn. It is submitted that this rejection of claims 2-4, 7, and 8 should be withdrawn by virtue of their dependency.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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